

Best wishes.
Sincerely,

FRANK R. WOLF,
Member of Congress.

HONORING YOUTH ENRICHMENT SERVICES, INC. FOR THEIR EXTRAORDINARY WORK IN THE COMMUNITY

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 29, 2010

Mr. ISRAEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge a nonprofit organization that serves my district, Youth Enrichment Services, Inc.

YES has demonstrated an overwhelming amount of commitment to serving the Long Island community. My constituents rely on our nonprofits for the vital services they offer. The continuous selfless acts of those involved with YES are admirable.

I am proud to honor Youth Enrichment Services, Inc. for their extraordinary work in the community.

IMPLEMENTING MANAGEMENT FOR PERFORMANCE AND RELATED REFORMS TO OBTAIN VALUE IN EVERY ACQUISITION ACT OF 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. JOHN D. DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 28, 2010

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 5013) to amend title 10, United States Code, to provide for performance management of the defense acquisition system, and for other purposes:

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Chair, I rise today in support of H.R. 5013—the IMPROVE Acquisition Act of 2010. I thank my good friends and colleagues Congressman ROB ANDREWS and Armed Services Committee Chairman, IKE SKELTON, for continuing the good work the Committee did last year to reform the defense acquisition process. Importantly, the bipartisan IMPROVE Acquisition Act will save taxpayers \$27 billion each year.

H.R. 5013 will, among other things, update the system by which the Department of Defense acquires weapons systems, commercial goods, and services. Over the past 20 years, the Defense Department has shifted its primary purchases from weapons systems to services. To reign in the costs associated with this outdated system and ensure the warfighter's needs are met, the committee has written a comprehensive bill that provides for better management of the acquisition system, reform of the requirements process upon which the acquisition process depends, a more professional acquisition workforce, more effective financial management, and improvements in outreach to the industrial base so that the government is getting the best quality at the lowest price.

In particular, Title IV of the IMPROVE Act has several important provisions to Michigan's

15th District and cleaning up the abuses of government contractors. First, it develops measures to utilize more of the defense industrial base in order to reach small- and mid-size businesses. I am fully supportive of this provision. As a personal note, Mr. Chair, I hear from companies throughout Michigan's 15th Congressional District with innovative technologies and ideas, companies that have been working on cutting edge research and development in association with our Michigan Universities but which have not developed the necessary relationships with the Department to successfully sell the Department their products, services and ideas. This section will help link the Department to these smaller companies by identifying and communicating with non-traditional suppliers using tools and resources available within the federal government and in the private sector.

Second, this Title reinforces a major priority for the Obama Administration by requiring a contractor to disclose whether it has outstanding tax debt when it is bidding on a new contract. Like many Members of Congress, I have been disillusioned by the scandals and abuse perpetrated by government contractors. Not only have some of these bad actors cost American and foreign lives, but they have also been a heavy burden to taxpayers. I support measures in this Title to ensure the government is contracting with responsible, high-quality suppliers. Moreover, this section gives the government better enforcement mechanisms by providing contracting officers new statutory authority to verify with the Treasury Department that the contractors under review are being forthcoming in their applications with respect to their tax status.

Finally, Title IV creates a new, independent oversight authority over the Department's contracting system. It provides for an independent General Counsel within the Defense Contract Audit Agency to carry out reviews of contractor business systems. This provision will also help to save taxpayers money in the long run, ensure effective services are provided to the Department, and ultimately protect the warfighter and the American people.

Mr. Chair, the IMPROVE Acquisition Act contains many important provisions deserving of the House's full consideration. I am pleased to support this legislation and urge my colleagues to do the same.

RECOGNIZING MR. DAVID JAMES

HON. MARK STEVEN KIRK

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 29, 2010

Mr. KIRK. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize a pioneer and American hero—Mr. David James, a constituent of mine from Winnetka. Born in the 1920s, Mr. James' family moved from St. Louis to Chicago's South Side. Soon after the start of World War II, Mr. James enlisted in the Army Air Corps in October 1942 and joined the "Tuskegee Airmen," our nation's first African-American military aircrews. He joined nearly 1,000 other airmen who broke barriers and fought for their nation. Mr. James served his country with distinction as a pilot.

After his military discharge, Mr. James graduated from law school and became the first

African-American attorney to work for the American Bar Association. He moved to Winnetka in part because of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s speech at the Winnetka Village Green in 1965, and lived there for nearly 40 years.

His service, both in the military and his efforts to promote civil rights, serves as an inspiration to future generations. I am honored to represent him in the Congress and I wish him and his family all the best.

HONORING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF LONG ISLAND FOR THEIR EXTRAORDINARY WORK IN THE COMMUNITY

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 29, 2010

Mr. ISRAEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge a nonprofit organization that serves my district, Community Development Corporation of Long Island.

CDC has demonstrated an overwhelming amount of commitment to serving the Long Island community. My constituents rely on our nonprofits for the vital services they offer. CDC's continuous acts of selfless efforts are admirable.

I am proud to honor Community Development Corporation of Long Island for their extraordinary work in the community.

HONORING ZANE ERIC CLARK

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 29, 2010

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Zane Eric Clark, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 87, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Zane has been very active with his troop participating in many Scout activities. Over the many years Zane has been involved with Scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Zane Eric Clark for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

RECOGNIZING DR. ADRIANA SELVAGGIO

HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 29, 2010

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Adriana Selvaggio. A devoted mother and renowned physician, Dr. Selvaggio has committed the majority of her adult life to serving others.